



Parma Woods

Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

Special September Event

September 24th will be the 34th annual National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF Day), and plans are underway for a nationwide celebration including the first at Parma Woods. This event is one of the best ways to create a better public understanding of hunting and fishing. NHF Day educates people about the important role that outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen play with respect to conservation and improving our natural resources.

Congress and President Nixon established NHF Day to recognize generations of hunters and anglers for the time and money they donated to wildlife conservation programs. To date, this has amounted to over \$23 billion and countless hours of work on habitat

improvement and other projects. NHF Days have celebrated these achievements with thousands of special events organized by hunting and fishing clubs, conservation groups, and state wildlife agencies. NHF Days have introduced many millions of

Americans to hunting and fishing while highlighting the vital role these groups make toward conservation.

The Parma Woods celebration will feature many hands-on activities for all levels of outdoor enthusiasts. Information will be available about

many hunting and fishing areas. Several conservation organizations will be present including Ducks Unlimited and The National Wild Turkey Federation. Many local Missouri Department of Conservation employees will be on hand to answer questions and explain many of the programs that are available to the public.

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Summer Events Calendar

All programs and clinics are free to the public unless otherwise noted. All equipment is provided free of charge by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Pre-registration is required. Call 816-891-9941.

JULY

Wilderness Survival

Learn what to do if you ever get lost in the woods. **July 2** (Sat.), 9 am-12 noon

RANGE CLOSED - July 4

Bow Hunter Education Class

Must attend both nights to become certified. **July 6-7** (Wed.-Thurs.), 5:30-9 pm

Basic Shotgun

This two part class will teach you the basics of wing shooting.

July 8 (Fri.), 6-8 pm & **July 9** (Sat.), 9-11 am

Beginning Archery

Learn the fun recreation of archery.

July 9 (Sat.), 9-11 am

Outdoor Skills Camp

This camp is designed for youths 11-15 years old. Many topics will be covered from muzzle loaders to wildlife I.D. You must be Hunter Education Certified before the first day of camp. This camp is a great way to get into the Y.H.E.C. program.

July 11-15, 8:30 am-3:30 pm each day

Youth Air Gun Class

Do you have a youth interested in shooting? Sign up to get started in this family oriented class.

July 20 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Intro to Muzzle Loaders

This two part class will cover all the questions you may have on front stuffers from flintlocks to in-lines. **July 21** (Thurs.), 6-8 pm and **July 23** (Sat.), 8:30-10:30 am

Wild Game Cooking

Learn how to cook wild game. Come hungry! We will eat what we cook.

July 27 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Ladies Firearms Class

This two part class will cover safety and fundamentals of handling all firearms.

July 29 (Fri.), 6-8 pm and **July 30** (Sat.), 9-11 am

AUGUST

Bow Hunter Education Class

Must attend both nights to become certified.

August 3-4 (Wed.-Thurs.), 5:30-9 pm

Basic Shotgun

In this two part class learn to improve your trap or skeet score and bag more birds when hunting. **August 5** (Fri.), 6-8 pm and **August 6** (Sat.), 9-11 am

Hunter Education Class

You must attend all three nights to become certified.

August 9-11 (Tues.-Thurs.), 5:30-9 pm

Reloading Center Fire Cartridges

Learn how to properly load your rifle and handgun loads.

August 13 (Sat.), 8 am-2 pm

Snake Identification

Learn which snakes are harmless and which to avoid.

August 16 (Tues.), 10 am-12 noon

Firearm Care and Cleaning

Learn how to properly clean and store your firearm.

August 17 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Food Plots: The How and What

Manage more game on your land no matter how big or small.

August 18 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Beginning Archery

Learn the basics of proper bow and arrow shooting. **August 19** (Fri.), 6-8 pm

How to Reload Shotgun Shells

Learn the cost effective way of shooting your shotgun.

August 20 (Sat.), 8 am-2 pm

Knife Sharpening

Learn to put a good edge on all of your knives.

August 24 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Camping

Learn what to take on your next camping trip and how to use it.

August 25 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Orienteering

Learn to read a map and compass.

August 27 (Sat.), 9-11 am

Hiking at Parma Woods

Take a guided hike on the Parma Woods nature trail.

August 27 (Sat.), 12 noon-2 pm

SEPTEMBER

Firearm Selection for the Beginner

Learn what type and caliber gun will fit your needs the best.

September 1 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

RANGE CLOSED - September 5

Firearm Care and Cleaning

Learn to properly care for all of your firearms.

September 6 (Tues.), 6-8 pm

Tree Stand Safety

Learn how to use a tree stand safely.

September 7 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Beginning Archery

Learn to properly handle a bow and arrow.

September 8 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

Deer Scouting and Hunting Seminar

Learn the ins and outs of deer hunting.

September 10 (Sat.), 9 am-12 noon

Hunter Education Class

You must attend all three nights to become certified.

September 13-15 (Tues.-Thurs.), 5:30-9 pm

Ladies Firearms Class

Learn to safely handle and shoot all types of firearms.

September 17 (Sat.), 9 am-2 pm

Wild Edibles

Learn how to make a delicious meal without going to the grocery store.

September 17 (Sat.) 2-4 pm

Basic Knife Sharpening

Learn to put and keep an edge on all of your knives.

September 20 (Tues.), 6-8 pm

Deep-Fry Cooking

Learn to fry up some tasty meals from hushpuppies to turkey. Bring a good appetite.

September 21 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Optics Class

Discover the latest in scopes and wildlife viewing optics.

September 22 (Thurs.), 6-8 pm

National Hunting and Fishing Day

See cover story.

September 24 (Sat.), 10 am-3 pm

Trapping Clinic

Learn how to make sets and care for pelts.

September 28 (Wed.), 6-8 pm

Youth Squirrel Clinic and Hunt

Open to the first 5 youths 11-15 years old who sign up.

Clinic - **September 30** (Fri.), 6-8 pm

Hunt - **October 1** (Sat.), dawn-9:30 am

RANGE HOURS



May 1 to September 30

Friday-Sunday: 10 am-4 pm

Monday-Tuesday: 2-8 pm

Volunteers Welcome!

Want to share the outdoors with others? Or enjoy being at the range and visiting with other shooters? Become a Parma Woods Volunteer! No teaching experience is required.

Call 816-891-9941

Ready for the hunting season?

I know it's hard to think about the upcoming hunting season when the mercury is up in the 90's, but it will be here before you know it. Getting a head start on the upcoming seasons will pay big dividends for you in the long run. It can be frustrating waiting to get a spot on the firing line. Our busiest times at the range are the 3-4 weeks before the deer seasons in both Missouri and Kansas. You can avoid the long lines and unpredictable fall weather by sighting in your rifles and muzzle loaders now.

Knowing that your gun is zeroed in and everything works properly several weeks before opening day will give you peace of mind. You won't need to run out to the local sporting goods shop at the last minute to look for replacement parts. Odds are if something does need to be replaced, the earlier you go, the better the chances of it being in stock or there will adequate time to order it.

Most of us work a 5-day week and have a hard time getting away to sight in except on weekends when there is so many other things demanding our time. From May until the end of September the range is open from 2 to 8 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays making it easier for you to get out during the week.

Remember to check all of your equipment and not just your rifle. Bow hunters need to inspect their limbs, strings, arrows, and veins. Parma has a brand new archery range with targets from 10 to 40 yards. The cost to use the archery range is only \$3 per hour.

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Parma Event Revisited: *Women in the Outdoors*



"Which way is north?"



"Building birdhouses"



"Busting a clay bird"



"Aiming on the target"



"Outdoor cooking"

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